

REMARKS

The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2005. In accordance with the Petition for an Extension of Time being mailed concurrently herewith, the time for response has been extended to February 23, 2006 and this amendment is accordingly timely filed.

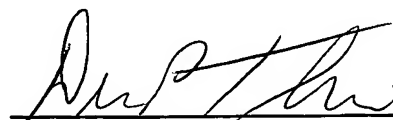
In the Office Action under response, the pending claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 USC §§102 and/or 103 over the Harre et al. reference. In accordance with the present amendment, Applicants have amended the claims such that all of presently pending claims 1-2 and 4-9 have been limited to a process utilizing specifically HCl as a chlorinating agent. Applicants have discovered that by using HCl as the chlorinating agent, the recycled resin has an unexpectedly high active chlorine content. This use of HCl and its advantages are not disclosed or suggested by the cited reference and accordingly Applicants respectfully submit the claims as amended are patentably distinct thereover.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of claims 1-2 and 4-9 as amended.

No further fee is required in connection the filing of this Amendment. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

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